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**EFFECTIVE**

July 1, 2011.

**Subject**

1. Adoption subsidy income.
2. Guardianship Assistance Program (GAP) income.

**1) Adoption  
Subsidy Income****FIP, SDA, RAPC, CDC**

Adoption subsidy is a payment to the adopting parent of an adopted child who would remain in foster care without the subsidy incentive. Effective July 1, 2011, adoption subsidy income is countable unearned income in the Family Independence Program (FIP), State Disability Assistance (SDA), Refugee Assistance Program Cash (RAPC), and Child Development and Care (CDC) programs.

All cases that receive adoption subsidy unearned income must have an income record in Bridges. These cases will have the unearned income budgeted in the FIP, SDA, RAPC, and CDC programs at the June Bridges release to effect benefits starting July 1, 2011.

***Exception:*** A medical subsidy continues to be excluded as income.

***Reason:*** Compliance with Federal Regulation 45 CFR 233.20 (a)(1)(ii).

***Communication Plan:*** Policy tip announcement.

**2) Guardianship  
Assistance  
Program (GAP)  
Income****FIP, SDA, RAPC, FAP, CDC**

GAP provides financial support to ensure permanency for children who may otherwise remain in foster care until reaching the age of majority when reunification and adoption are not viable permanency goals.

GAP is a new unearned income type. Effective July 1, 2011, GAP income is countable unearned income towards FIP, SDA, RAPC,

Food Assistance Program (FAP) and CDC programs. Any case that receives this unearned income requires the GAP income type selected in Bridges. These cases will have the unearned income budgeted in the FIP, SDA, RAPC, FAP and CDC programs at the June Bridges release to effect benefits starting July 1, 2011.

Reason: New income type.

***Communication Plan:*** Policy tip announcement.

**MANUAL  
MAINTENANCE  
INSTRUCTIONS**